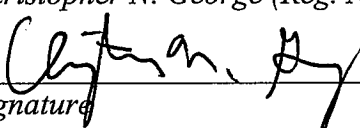


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Examiner Leiva:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination following the Final Office Action mailed on April 3, 2007, and the Advisory Action mailed on August 13, 2007. This Amendment and Response is being submitted with a request for a three-month extension of time to extend the period for response to October 3, 2007. Please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks.